

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

PERMIT FOR DIVERSION AND USE OF WATER

PERMIT 21208

Application 29772 of

Michael Sass
1900 Amber Ridge Way
Windsor, CA 95492

filed on **July 5, 1990**, has been approved by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board)
SUBJECT TO PRIOR RIGHTS and to the limitations and conditions of this permit.

Permittee is hereby authorized to divert and use water as follows:

1. Source of water

Source:

Tributary to:

Unnamed Stream

Starr Creek, thence

Windsor Creek, thence

Mark West Creek, thence

Russian River

within the County of **Sonoma**

2. Location of point of diversion

By California Coordinate System of 1983 in Zone 2	40-acre subdivision of public land survey or projection thereof	Section	Township	Range	Base and Meridian
North 1,957,393 feet East 6,323,156 feet	SW$\frac{1}{4}$ of SW$\frac{1}{4}$	14	8N	9W	MD

3. Purpose of use	4. Place of use	Section	Township	Range	Base and Meridian	Acres
Recreational	At Reservoir within SW$\frac{1}{4}$ of SW$\frac{1}{4}$	14	8N	9W	MD	3

The place of use is shown on map on file with the State Water Board.

5. The water appropriated shall be limited to the quantity that can be beneficially used and shall not exceed 40 acre-feet per annum to be collected from December 15 of each year to March 31 of the succeeding year.

(0000005C)

6. This permit does not authorize collection of water to storage outside of the specified season to offset evaporation and seepage losses or for any other purpose.
(0000005I)
7. The capacity of the reservoir covered under this permit shall not exceed 40 acre-feet.
(0000005N)
8. Construction work and complete application of the water to the authorized use shall be prosecuted with reasonable diligence and completed by December 31, 2017.
(0000009)
9. Permittee's right under this permit extends only to water necessary to keep the reservoir full by replacing water lost by evaporation and seepage. This permit only authorizes the collection to storage of 12 acre-feet of water per annum. Should the Permittee need to drain the reservoir for maintenance purposes, the Permittee is only authorized to refill the reservoir through collection of 12 acre-feet of water per annum, except that Permittee shall be allowed to collect up to 40 acre-feet per annum to refill the reservoir at times when the Russian River near Healdsburg is at or above flood monitor stage as defined by the National Weather Service. Such right shall be exercised only during the authorized diversion season.
(0000040)
10. Permittee shall install and maintain an outlet pipe of adequate capacity in the dam as near as practicable to the bottom of the natural stream channel, or provide other means satisfactory to the State Water Resources Control Board, in order that water entering the reservoir that is not authorized for appropriation under this permit can be released. Before storing water in the reservoir, Permittee shall furnish to the Division of Water Rights evidence, which substantiates that the outlet pipe, or alternative facility, has been installed in the dam. Evidence shall include photographs showing completed works or certification by a registered Civil or Agricultural Engineer.
(0050043B)
11. For the protection of fish and wildlife, under all bases of right, Permittee shall during the period from December 15 through March 31 bypass a minimum of 0.02 cubic feet per second (cfs). Under all bases of right, Permittee shall bypass the total streamflow from April 1 through December 14. The total streamflow shall be bypassed whenever it is less than 0.02 cfs.
(0140060)
12. Within 6 months of the issuance of this permit, the Permittee shall submit a Compliance Plan for approval by the Chief of the Division of Water Rights that will demonstrate compliance with the flow bypass terms specified in this permit. The Compliance Plan shall include the following:
 - a) A description of the physical facilities (i.e., outlet pipes, siphons, pipelines, bypass ditches, splitter boxes etc.) that will be constructed or have been constructed at the project site and will be used to bypass flow.
 - b) A description of the gages and monitoring devices that will be installed or have been installed to measure stream flow and/or reservoir storage capacity, including any necessary calibration.
 - c) A time schedule for the installation and rating of these facilities.
 - d) A description of the frequency of data collection and the methods for recording bypass flows and storage levels.
 - e) An operation and maintenance plan that will be used to maintain all facilities in good condition.
 - f) A description of the events that will trigger recalibration of the monitoring devices, and the process that will be used to recalibrate.

The Permittee shall be responsible for all costs associated with developing the Compliance Plan, and installing and maintaining all flow bypass and monitoring facilities described in the Compliance Plan.

The monitoring data shall be maintained by the Permittee and made available to the Chief of the Division of Water Rights, upon request.

Diversion of water prior to approval of the Compliance Plan and the installation of facilities specified in the Compliance Plan is not authorized.

(0490500)

13. Before storing water in the reservoir in excess of the amount in storage on the date of this permit, Permittee shall install a staff gage in the reservoir, satisfactory to the Chief of the Division of Water Rights, for the purpose of determining water levels in the reservoir. This staff gage must be maintained in operating condition as long as water is being diverted or used under this permit.

Permittee shall record the staff gage readings on the last day of each month and on December 15 annually. Permittee shall record the maximum and minimum water surface elevations and the dates that these water levels occur each water-year between October 1 and September 30. Permittee shall maintain a record of all staff gage readings and shall submit these records with annual progress reports, and whenever requested by the Division of Water Rights.

The State Water Board may require the release of water that cannot be verified as having been collected under a valid basis of right.

(0070500)

14. Within fourteen days of the date of this permit, Permittee shall submit photographs showing the current storage level of the reservoir.

(0070500B)

15. Based on the information contained in the Division's files, riparian water has not been used on the place of use. Diversion of water is not authorized under this permit if in the future the Permittee diverts water under riparian right. With the Chief of the Division's approval, Permittee may use water under basis of riparian right on the authorized place of use, provided that Permittee submits reliable evidence to the Chief of the Division quantifying the amount of water that Permittee likely would have used under the basis of riparian right absent the appropriation authorized by this permit. The Chief of the Division is hereby authorized to approve or reject any proposal by Permittee to use water under the basis of riparian right on the place of use authorized by this permit.

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16. Permittee shall prevent any debris, soil, silt, cement that has not set, oil, or other such foreign substance from entering into or being placed where it may be washed by rainfall runoff into the waters of the State.

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17. Should any buried archeological materials be uncovered during project activities, such activities shall cease within 100 feet of the find. Prehistoric archeological indicators can include, but not necessarily be limited to: stone tools and flaking debris; bedrock outcrops and boulders with mortar cups; ground stone implements (grinding slabs, mortars and pestles); and locally darkened midden soils containing artifactual material such as bone and shell fragments, stone tools, or fire-cracked rock. Historic period site indicators can include: fragments of glass, ceramic, and metal objects; milled and split lumber; structure and feature remains such as building foundations, privy pits, wells and dumps; and old trails. The Chief of the Division of Water Rights shall be notified of the discovery and a professional archeologist shall be retained by the Permittee to evaluate the find and recommend appropriate mitigation measures. Proposed mitigation measures shall be submitted to the Chief of the Division of Water Rights for approval. Project-related activities shall not resume within 100 feet of the find until all

approved mitigation measures have been completed to the satisfaction of the Chief of the Division of Water Rights.

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18. If human remains are encountered, then the Applicant shall comply with Section 15064.5 (e) (1) of the CEQA Guidelines and the Public Resources Code Section 7050.5. All project-related ground disturbance within 100 feet of the find shall be halted until the county coroner has been notified. If the coroner determines that the remains are Native American, the coroner will notify the Native American Heritage Commission to identify the most-likely descendants of the deceased Native Americans. Project-related ground disturbance, in the vicinity of the find, shall not resume until the process detailed under Section 15064.5 (e) has been completed. Project-related ground disturbance, in the vicinity of the find, shall not resume until the process detailed under Section 15064.5 (e) has been completed and evidence of completion has been submitted to the Chief of the Division of Water Rights.
- (380500)
19. Permittee shall report any non-compliance with the terms of the permit to the Chief of the Division of Water Rights within three days of identification of the violation.

ALL PERMITS ISSUED BY THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD ARE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- A. The amount authorized for appropriation may be reduced in the license if investigation warrants.
- (0000006)
- B. Progress reports shall be submitted promptly by Permittee when requested by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) until a license is issued.
- (0000010)
- C. Permittee shall allow representatives of the State Water Board and other parties, as may be authorized from time to time by said State Water Board, reasonable access to project works to determine compliance with the terms of this permit.
- (0000011)
- D. Pursuant to California Water Code sections 100 and 275, and the common law public trust doctrine, all rights and privileges under this permit and under any license issued pursuant thereto, including method of diversion, method of use, and quantity of water diverted, are subject to the continuing authority of State Water Board in accordance with law and in the interest of the public welfare to protect public trust uses and to prevent waste, unreasonable use, unreasonable method of use, or unreasonable method of diversion of said water.

The continuing authority of the State Water Board may be exercised by imposing specific requirements over and above those contained in this permit with a view to eliminating waste of water and to meeting the reasonable water requirements of Permittee without unreasonable draft on the source. Permittee may be required to implement a water conservation plan, features of which may include but not necessarily be limited to (1) reusing or reclaiming the water allocated; (2) using water reclaimed by another entity instead of all or part of the water allocated; (3) restricting diversions so as to eliminate agricultural tailwater or to reduce return flow; (4) suppressing evaporation losses from water surfaces; (5) controlling phreatophytic growth; and (6) installing, maintaining, and operating efficient water measuring devices to assure compliance with the quantity limitations of this permit and to determine accurately water use as against reasonable water requirements for the authorized project. No action will be taken pursuant to this paragraph unless the State Water Board determines, after notice to affected parties and

opportunity for hearing, that such specific requirements are physically and financially feasible and are appropriate to the particular situation.

The continuing authority of the State Water Board also may be exercised by imposing further limitations on the diversion and use of water by the Permittee in order to protect public trust uses. No action will be taken pursuant to this paragraph unless the State Water Board determines, after notice to affected parties and opportunity for hearing, that such action is consistent with California Constitution Article X, Section 2; is consistent with the public interest; and is necessary to preserve or restore the uses protected by the public trust.

(0000012)

- E. The quantity of water diverted under this permit and under any license issued pursuant thereto is subject to modification by the State Water Board if, after notice to the Permittee and an opportunity for hearing, the State Water Board finds that such modification is necessary to meet water quality objectives in water quality control plans which have been or hereafter may be established or modified pursuant to Division 7 of the Water Code. No action will be taken pursuant to this paragraph unless the State Water Board finds that (1) adequate waste discharge requirements have been prescribed and are in effect with respect to all waste discharges which have any substantial effect upon water quality in the area involved, and (2) the water quality objectives cannot be achieved solely through the control of waste discharges.

(0000013)

- F. This permit does not authorize any act that results in the taking of a threatened or endangered species or any act that is now prohibited, or becomes prohibited in the future, under either the California Endangered Species Act (Fish & G. Code, §§ 2050 - 2097) or the federal Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C.A. §§ 1531 - 1544). If a "take" will result from any act authorized under this water right, the Permittee shall obtain authorization for an incidental take prior to construction or operation of the project. Permittee shall be responsible for meeting all requirements of the applicable Endangered Species Act for the project authorized under this permit.

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- G. Permittee shall maintain records of the amount of water diverted and used to enable the State Water Board to determine the amount of water that has been applied to beneficial use pursuant to Water Code Section 1605.

(0000015)

- H. No work shall commence and no water shall be diverted, stored or used under this permit until a copy of a stream or lake alteration agreement between the State Department of Fish and Game and the Permittee is filed with the Division of Water Rights. Compliance with the terms and conditions of the agreement is the responsibility of the Permittee. If a stream or lake agreement is not necessary for this permitted project, the Permittee shall provide the Division of Water Rights a copy of a waiver signed by the State Department of Fish and Game.

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Section 1390. A permit shall be effective for such time as the water actually appropriated under it is used for a useful and beneficial purpose in conformity with this division (of the Water Code), but no longer.

Section 1391. Every permit shall include the enumeration of conditions therein which in substance shall include all of the provisions of this article and the statement that any appropriator of water to whom a permit is issued takes it subject to the conditions therein expressed.

Section 1392. Every permittee, if he accepts a permit, does so under the conditions precedent that no value whatsoever in excess of the actual amount paid to the State therefore shall at any time be assigned to or claimed for any permit granted or issued under the provisions of this division (of the Water Code), or for any rights granted or acquired under the provisions of this division (of the Water Code), in respect to the regulation by any competent public authority of the services or the price of the services to be rendered by any permittee or by the holder of any rights granted or acquired under the provisions of this division (of the Water Code) or in respect to any valuation for purposes of sale to or purchase, whether through condemnation proceedings or otherwise, by the State or any city, city and county, municipal water district, irrigation district, lighting district, or any political subdivision of the State, of the rights and property of any permittee, or the possessor of any rights granted, issued, or acquired under the provisions of this division (of the Water Code).

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

for James W. Kassel
Victoria A. Whitney, Chief
Division of Water Rights

Dated: **JAN - 2 2008**

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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ORDER WR 2008-0001-DWR

In the Matter of Application 29772
Michael Sass

ORDER APPROVING ISSUANCE OF PERMIT

SOURCE: Unnamed Stream tributary to Starr Creek thence the Russian River

COUNTY: Sonoma County

WHEREAS:

1. George Hoffberg filed application 29772 with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) on July 5, 1990. On February 25, 1993, Application 29772 was assigned to Mr. Brian Barbota, then subsequently assigned to Mr. Michael Sass on August 5, 1997.
2. All protests to approval of the application have been resolved by inclusion of permit conditions and by dismissal pursuant to Water Code section 1335, subdivision (d).
3. The State Water Board has determined that there is unappropriated water available to serve Application 29772. Robertson Engineering prepared and submitted a water availability analysis on March 21, 2007, documenting the availability of water. Division of Water Rights staff conducted a supplemental hydrologic analysis of the flow related impacts associated with approval of Application 29772. Division of Water Rights staff analysis concluded that unappropriated water is available and that approval of the application, as conditioned, would not result in potentially significant impacts to anadromous fish or aquatic resources. The water will be diverted and used without unreasonable effect upon fish, wildlife, or other instream beneficial uses.
4. The water will be diverted and used without injury to any lawful user of water. The Division issued a public notice of Application 29772 on November 21, 1997. Based on the water availability analysis, water is available to serve this application without injury to prior rights. Protests were filed by California Sportfishing Protection Alliance and Trout Unlimited of California on the bases of injury to the environment. The protests were resolved through inclusion of terms in the permit that were agreed upon by the Protestant and the Applicant.
5. The intended use is beneficial. The applicant requested to store water in a 40 acre-foot capacity reservoir for recreation. The proposed water use is beneficial.

6. Approval of this project will not result in an adverse physical change to the environment relative to the conditions that existed at the time Water Right Application 29772 was filed. The project is exempt from CEQA under California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301. The Division will file a Notice of Exemption in accordance with the California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15062 after issuance of this order.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT A PERMIT IS ISSUED FOR APPLICATION 29772, subject to the conditions of the attached permit.

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

James W. Kassel
for Victoria A. Whitney, Chief

Division of Water Rights

JAN - 2 2008

Dated: